species the large intestine is slightly shorter than the small intestine. In *tth- badius* the two parts of the gut are almost exactly equal in length. There are three pairs of inguinal and two pairs of pectoral teats. The name *ffliizetnys* appears to hare "been given to the animals of this genus for the reason that they feed largely on roots. They burrow, and, like many ofcher burrowing animals, feed in the evening. As is the case with other forms, *Ithizomys* is said to burrow with the assistance of its teeth as well as of its claws.

Fia. **237.—Bamboo Rat.**
Rhizomes badius. x £„

Tachyoryctes is an African genus closely allied to the last. There are three Ethiopian species. It is mainly to be distinguished by the different pattern upon the grinding surface of the molars.

Fam. 5. Geomyidae.—This family of burrowing Rodents is limited to North and Central America. The animals have cheek pouches, and small eyes and ears, in accordance with their mode of life. The claws of the fore-limbs are very strongly developed.

The genus *Geovnys* contains some eight species, which are Central and North American, not extending, however, far north. The incisors of the upper jaw are grooved with two grooves.

There are three pairs of teats—one axillary, and the two remaining inguinal

TJiomomys, **without grooves on the incisors, reaches to Canada**

in the north, and does not extend as Ikr south as the last genus.